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late W. SCOTCH AITKEN, of Clifton, Saltburn-
by-the-Sea, aged 68 years.
On the 14th January, at the "Waverley,"
Fanning, MURRAY, widow of the late J. C. COLLINS,
aged 37 years.
On the 17th January, at Fir Tree Hill, Singa-
pore, the infant son of R. W. and F. DUNN.

The Daily Press.

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HONGKONG, 28th January, 1913.

In the last number to hand of the *London*
and *China Express*—that of the 26th
December—we read as follows:—"A
telegram from Hongkong reports that the
committee of the Chamber of Commerce
has decided unanimously that it is im-
possible to introduce a gold standard in
Hongkong while China adheres to a silver
standard. For the reason given this is,
"as we have frequently pointed out, the
"only possible conclusion that can be come
"to under the circumstances. In this
"connection we may perhaps note that Sir
"EDWARD SASSOON points out as regards
"India, and the effect of the monopoly
"rated rupee, that, unless China is assisted
"to place her chaotic monetary system
"upon a gold basis, an enquiry (respecting
"India and the effect of) will force itself,
"and that before long—and, let us hope,
"before it is too late—upon the attention
"of the Indian Government." We are not
quite certain of the purport of the last
sentence. But we gather that our con-
temporary considers that the decision come
to by the Hongkong General Chamber of
Commerce in December was the only
possible one. In fact, the view is maintained
that the question of Hongkong "going
gold" is only to be considered in conjunc-
tion with that of China adopting a gold
currency. This cannot yet be held proved,
but it must be admitted that matters would
be infinitely simplified by China establish-
ing a gold standard. We published recently

the first half of a dissertation by Mr. E. S.
LITTLE on the currency question, which
appeared in the *North-China Daily News*,
and we have since received a copy of Mr.
LITTLE's entire pamphlet on the subject.
In the first section of his plea for a
gold standard Mr. LITTLE urged that all
the important trading nations of the world
use gold as the only standard of value in
the exchange of commodities; that China
is now the only large and important nation
in the world which continues to use silver;
that the ranks of silver-using countries are
being rapidly thinned by the replacing of
silver with gold; that trade is becoming
increasingly difficult in China owing to the
diminishing value of silver, and that the
import trade is receiving a serious check
owing to the enhanced prices in silver
required for all foreign commodities and
the difficulty of doing business with a
medium which is so constantly and violently
fluctuating; and finally that some remedy
must be found, and that immediately, the
only remedy seeming to be the establish-
ment of a gold standard in China. We
gave in full the earlier part of Mr. LITTLE's
plea. He goes on to show, in the second
section, that China is no worse off than was
Japan, when she adopted a gold standard,
in the relation between exports and imports.
Furthermore, he says, in 1898 the trade of
Japan was divided amongst the gold and
silver-using countries, as follows:—Gold
60 per cent., silver 40 per cent., while the
present trade of China is practically alto-
gether with gold countries, there being only
a small fraction of 1 per cent. with silver-
using countries. In this calculation Hong-
kong is considered under the head of a
gold-using country "for the simple reason
that merchandise passing into or out of
China through Hongkong is all ultimately
expressed in terms of gold." This is in its
turn a further very strong argument in
favour of China adopting a gold standard,
for Japan, while still a silver-using country,
was able to do 40 per cent. of her business
in her own standard of currency, while China
is unable to do any business at all in silver.
Mr. LITTLE goes on to point out that Japan
is only one of a long list of countries which
have had to abandon a silver coinage either
as a single standard or in a bimetallic
system.

Into Mr. LITTLE's discussion on the
advantages of a gold standard in China we
need not here go, for the matter has been
amply treated of late. We may turn to
the suggestions which Mr. LITTLE offers as
to the possibility of bringing about a
reform in China's currency. He proposes
(1) That the various Associations and
Chambers of Commerce in China shall at
once approach their respective Governments,
laying the stated facts and others before
them, and asking for immediate action;
and (2) that strong representations should
be made to the Chinese Government, so
that they also may be prepared to put the
scheme into immediate operation. Certain
representations to the latter effect, we have
reason to believe, have already been made,
but they have not been in any way official.
With regard to the first proposal, Mr.
LITTLE seems to us to have hit the right
nail upon the head. We have already
intimated that, in common with a very
considerable section of the local community,
we cannot accept the decision of the com-
mittee of the Hongkong Chamber of
Commerce as final. Mr. LITTLE, speaking
confessedly as an outsider, opines than it
would have been far better for
Hongkong, instead of publishing to the
world its impotence, to have called
the attention, by formal resolution, of
the Hongkong and Home Governments to
the existing financial crisis due to a
constantly decreasing silver currency, and
at the same time urged them to take the
question into immediate and serious con-
sideration. Their action in such a case, he
says with reason, would necessarily have
had due weight. The question is whether
it is now too late for Hongkong to attempt
to exert its proper influence, as one of the
most important ports in the whole world,
in a matter of such vital concern to the
future history of the Colony itself and of
the trade between Great Britain and China.
This question cannot remain undecided for long.

There will be a cricket match at Happy
Valley to-morrow between H.M.S.S. *Cressy*
and *Eclipse*.

A successful public demonstration of the
capabilities of "Kilfyre," the new fire extin-
guisher, whose advent in the Colony we have
already noted, was given on the Praya opposite
the Central Market yesterday afternoon, in the
presence of a big gathering of Europeans and
Chinese.

Yesterday was the birthday of H.I.G.M.
Emperor William, and in honour of the occasion
the shipping in the Harbour was largely
decorated and the war-vessels fired a salute at
noon. The German community observed the
anniversary at the Club Germania. It was also
duly celebrated. A reception was held on the
Hansa in the evening, the ship being prettily
decorated with electric lights.

The cases of communicable disease reported
in the Colony last week were:—Plague 3
(Chinese), all fatal; enteric fever 3 (2 European,
1 Chinese imported from Canton); small-pox 1
(Chinese), fatal.

The P. & O. steamer *Malla*, with the English
mail of the 1st inst., left Singapore on the 26th
inst., at 4 p.m., and may be expected here on
Sunday, at 8 a.m. Replies may be expected to
correspondence despatched hence on the 1st
December.

As a witness to the density of some of our
local fogs we may mention that a steam-launch
starting from Quarry Bay on Monday evening,
for the centre of the City spent about an hour
in getting to within a few hundred yards of its
starting-point, having traversed the greater
part of a circle. The passengers finally returned
by ricksha.

The German Budget for 1903 shows that the
revenue and expenditure will only balance by
means of a proposed loan of 220 million marks.
Moreover, an accompanying memorandum
states that a loan of 95 million marks is required
to relieve the unfavourable financial position of
individual States, due to economic depression.

The *Lokal Anzeiger* published last month an
Imperial Cabinet Order for the reorganisation
of the German Garrison Brigade in Eastern
Asia. The Order provides that the 1st and 2nd
battalions of the 1st East Asiatic Infantry
Regiment, the 2nd East Asiatic Mountain
Battery, and Field Hospital No. 2, are to return
to Germany in order to be disbanded.

The result of the first Rugby match of the
International season has already reached us.
A telegram to Cey gives the following
details:—The first Rugby international game
took place on Saturday, at Swansea, between
teams representing England and Wales. There
was a large attendance. After the first 25
minutes' play it was evident that the English-
men were outclassed, and the Welshmen had
the best of the game. Throughout England
was weakest forward, but her defence—and
particularly the three-quarters—was poor.
England had the misfortune to have Pearson
disabled early in the game. Wales finally won
by 21 points (three goals and two tries) to one
goal (5 points).

The *Singapore Free Press* of the 19th inst.
writes:—"The fleet in port has received consid-
erable addition to its strength yesterday and to-day.
H.M.S.S. *Glory*, *Talbot* and *Alacrity* are the
three new arrivals, and they came from Baie
d'Along, the two former getting into port yester-
day and the latter to-day. The *Alacrity* goes
to the wharf to-morrow to coal and will probably
leave towards the end of the week for Penang.
The *Talbot* will also leave probably on Wednes-
day, but her destination is unknown. H.M.S.
Glory will, it is expected, stay here with the
Goliath, *Argonaut*, and *Espegle* until the
Russian fleet has arrived."

The announcement was recently made that a
British Commercial Agency had been established
at Vladivostok. The *Kobe Chronicle*'s cor-
respondent at Vladivostok states that Mr. E.
Shwabs, of the local firm of Crompton and
Shwabs, has been appointed British Commercial
Agent, after a lengthy correspondence with the
British Government on the matter. There is
believed to have been some difficulty in the
appointment, for the reason that there are no
"commercial agencies" in the British Consular
service. There are no foreign consuls in
Vladivostok, the port being regarded as a
fortress, and the British Government desiring
to have a commercial representative there has
at length consented to make a new departure.

The Russian Admiralty is now preparing
for a new type of battleship, which is to be laid
down early in 1903, and which will be the most
powerful in existence. The new ships are
expressly intended to surpass the British *King*
Edward class. They will be of from 16,000 to
17,000 tons, and will carry four 12-inch guns
and sixteen 8-inch quick-firers, besides a large
number of smaller weapons. They will be able
to steam from Europe to the Far East without
recoiling. Their armour will be slightly
thicker than that of the *King Edwards*. These
will be the largest battleships afloat, though
Mr. Watts is reported to be intending to
produce a design for next year which will again
surpass them.

"A private telegram to hand in Penang,"
says the *Penang Gazette*, "gives the news of the
Sultan of Aceh having voluntarily given
himself up to the Dutch authorities. This
piece of information is of no mean importance,
inasmuch as it signifies that the long protracted
"Aceh rebellion" is drawing near to a termi-
nation, if ever a termination can be arrived at
with brigands and outlaws still pestering the
outlying districts. It is certainly a step nearer
to peace when the leader of the guerrilla fighting
that has been going on for an interminable
length of time surrenders of his own accord to
his enemies. The Sultan first ascertained that
he would be well received by the Governor of
Aceh, and then, finding that his skin was
safe, he went and delivered himself up to the
Dutch. He is now located in the house of one
of the principal Dutch military officers. He
threw up the sponge at Segli, and a Dutch war
vessel was sent to convey him to Kota Radja.
When the present Sultan's father died, the son
set up as pretender to the throne. He was
never recognised, and carried on desultory
fighting against the Dutch. Now that he has
been silenced, the hands of the authorities are
much strengthened, and numbers of the lesser
chiefs among the rebels will probably lay down
their arms. The event constitutes one of the
final stages of the war, and the chief concern of
the Dutch will be touching the position in
which they will place the would-be Sultan."
Perhaps!

The transport *Waldron* arrived at Southamp-
ton on the 26th ult., from Hongkong with
nearly a thousand troops, including 347 men of
the Royal Welsh Fusiliers.

The Indian Telegraph Department has suc-
cessfully established wireless telegraphy between
Gangor Island and the Pilot Brig in the Bay
of Bengal. The distance bridged is 45 miles.
Further experiments at a greater distance are
to be made.

A Washington telegram to the Manila *Cabe-
nices* says that plans are being prepared for an
extensive presidential trip, to begin about next
May. The itinerary will include the Western
States and may even extend to Alaska. Pro-
sident Roosevelt has long desired to visit
Alaska.

Our readers will be interested to learn that
a marriage has been arranged, and will take
place in April, between the Rev. Rowland
Francis Cobbold, M.A., formerly chaplain of
St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, son of the
late R. T. Cobbold, Esq., of Dedham, Essex,
and Lillian Hope, daughter of the late Sir
Harry Smith Parkes, K.C.B., G.C.M.G.,
formerly H.M.'s Minister to China and Japan.

The death was announced last month of Mr.
Wm. Scrope Ayrton, a retired member of the
China Consular Service, to which he was
appointed as a Student Interpreter in 1869.
After filling various posts as Assistant and
Acting Consul, he was made Senior Vice-
Consul at Shanghai in 1890, and in the
following year was appointed Consul at
Tamsui, Formosa. In 1892 he acted as Consul
at Newchwang, and in 1896 was appointed to
Wichew. He retired on a pension in April,
1899.

The *Kobe Chronicle* writes, that "Count Leon
Rothenkirchen," the swindler just arrested in
Japan, has been sent on to Nagoya, where it
had been decided to hold the trial. One of his
victims lives in that city. The prisoner is a
young man and addicted to the morphia habit.
He speaks French and Russian well, but it is
thought, hails from South-Eastern Europe and
is not a Russian. His assumed name is
Austrian or German. When the man was in
charge of the police he suddenly injected
morphia into his arm, to the great alarm, it is
said, of his captors. No endeavour has been
made to restrain him from the habit in prison,
however, as the doctor states that it would be
dangerous.

STREET ROBBERY.

Following on the attack upon and robbery of
Mrs. Sheffield and her son in Kennedy Road on
Saturday afternoon, we have to record a daring
case of purse-snatching, which occurred in
Queen's Road Central yesterday forenoon. An
Australian lady residing in Kowloon was
driving along in a ricksha, and as she passed
Watson's Dispensary a Chinaman darted at
the vehicle, seized a purse which the lady
was carrying in her hand, and got clear
away before a move could be made to stop him.
The purse contained ten dollars and a ferry-
launch ticket which had been used only twice.
The matter was reported to the police, but from
the circumstances of the case there is hardly
any possibility of capturing the thief. *Appropo*,
a word in season to visitors to the Chinese fair
in Jervis Street may not be amiss. Pick-
pockets there are numerous and, ever on the
alert for opportunities to ply their craft.

BRITISH AND CHINESE
CORPORATION.

The report to the fourth annual general
meeting of the above, held on the 26th ult.,
stated:—

The affairs of the Northern Railway have
again this year occupied a great deal of atten-
tion in the interests of the bondholders. The
railway is now once more in the hands of the
Chinese Railway Administration. The Chinese
Railway Administration has agreed *inter alia*
that a representative of the Corporation shall
have a seat at the Board, and to appoint the
Corporation to officially represent it in London.
Owing to the unsafe condition of the district it
has not yet been possible to resume operations
at the Nanpiao coalfield. In March last, Mr.
Byron Brann, C.M.G., proceeded to China
with the object of bringing to a conclusion the
long negotiations which have been in progress
in regard to a loan for the construction of the
Shanghai-Nanking Railway. The latest advices
from China indicate that the terms of the final
agreement may be regarded as settled, and that
in due course the Viceregal and Imperial ratifi-
cations will follow. The investments consist of
£20,000 Northern Railway bonds and 25,000 £1
preferred shares in the British and Korean
Corporation. The directors of the latter Cor-
poration have recently issued their first annual
report, from which it would appear that the
mine in the concession, on which for the present
all work is being concentrated, is opening up
in a favourable manner.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The P. & O. steamer *Malla* left Singapore
for this port on the 26th inst., at 4 p.m., with
the outward English mails, and is due here on
the 1st prox., at about 6 a.m.
The O. & O. steamer *Optic*, with mails, &c.,
from San Francisco to the 3rd inst., via Hon-
olulu, left Yokohama for this port on the morning
of the 23rd inst., via Island Sea, &c.
The N.P. steamer *Chenoy* arrived at Yoko-
hama on the 25th inst., with the dismantled
American schooner *Saint David* in tow.
The O.R.S. steamer *Diamond* left Singapore
yesterday morning, and is expected here on the
2nd prox.
The C.M. steamer *Mayne* left Victoria (B.C.)
on the 21st inst. for Yokohama, Kobe and
Hongkong.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

VENEZUELA.

[FROM OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT.]

LONDON, 26th January, 9.10 p.m.

DANGERS OF THE SITUATION.

The *Westminster Gazette* says that the
Venezuelan question is fraught with con-
siderable danger. The European Powers
have long experience of the difficulties of
Concerts, but America is less schooled.
The United States may fail to distinguish
between the acts of England and Germany.

YELLOW PRESS STEERING.

The *Times* New York correspondent says
that the Yellow Press of the United States
already sees a great opportunity for a
display of spread-eagleism.

REUTERS' SERVICE.

LONDON, 26th January.

THE TRIAL OF LYNCH.

The Chief Justice in summing up emphasised
the point that the case was not merely a
technical breach of the law, but one of actually
assisting the King's enemies. He added that
there had been too much belittling the crime of
treason in the past. Judge Wills pronounced
the sentences.

Although it is generally recognised that the
sentence will be commuted, all the papers
demand an exemplary punishment.

THE SUGAR CONVENTION.

The French Senate has approved the Sugar
Convention.

LONDON, 26th January.

MR. CHAMBERLAIN IN SOUTH
AFRICA.

Mr. Chamberlain and party travelling from
Pretoria to Mafeking have been received
cordially by the Dutch at places en route.
They were welcomed by ex-Commandant De la
Roy at Ventersdorp. Altogether Mr. Cham-
berlain seems to impress the Dutch favourably.

VENEZUELA.

There is a temporary deadlock in the
Venezuelan negotiations. Mr. Bowen asks for
the withdrawal of the blockade, which the
Powers decline to accede to until they are
satisfied that Venezuela's guarantee is *bona fide*.
In the meanwhile the affair is generating great
heat in the United States.

CAUTION TO HOLIDAY-MAKERS.

For the benefit of those proposing to travel
beyond Canton during the China New Year
holidays, we may mention that a party which
was to have started from Canton on an up-river
extension has received warning to consult the
Commander of the British gunboat there before
proceeding any further. We have, however, no
information as to whether any trouble is appre-
hended.

U.S. NAVAL GUNNERY.

The U.S. battleship *Kentucky* has, on her
present tests in Manila Bay, broken the gunnery
records of the United States Navy, says the
Manila Times. In the important points of
accuracy and speed her gunners have exceeded
anything ever done before in the American
Navy with thirteen, eight, and six-inch guns.
That is to say, the gunners scored more hits
and did it with greater rapidity than ever
before. The target practice of the ship has not
yet been completed and the figures showing
percentages have not been prepared, but the
records noted above are complete and will
stand. Some of the firing was marvellously
accurate, and in one instance in a string of
twenty-two shots with the heavy battery there
were nineteen hits on the target.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE ON A
LOCAL STEAMER.

Herman Baethke, the German chief engineer
of the French coasting steamer *Hothow*, is now
lying in the Government Civil Hospital, suffer-
ing from injuries inflicted in an attempt to take
his own life. The steamer was on the passage
from Hothow to Hongkong, and when near the
entrance to the Hainan Straits the second
officer discovered Baethke climbing the rail with
the evident purpose of throwing himself into
the sea. He seized hold of the engineer and ul-
timately led him back to his cabin, where Baethke,
on the pretence of looking for some letters,
secured a pocket-knife and slashed himself across
the throat before the other could do anything to
prevent him. The second officer wrested the
knife from him, and in response to his calls for
assistance Captain Merriles and the chief
officer entered the cabin. Measures were im-
mediately adopted for stopping the flow of blood
and these were successful. When the *Hothow*
arrived here at two o'clock on Monday afternoon
the incident was reported to the owners, to
the German and French Consuls, and latterly to
the police, who had the injured man removed to
the Government Civil Hospital, where he is
doing well, his injury not being a vital one.
Baethke is said to have been drinking hard
shortly before the occurrence.

MACAO.

[FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.]

Macao, 26th January.

THE MACAO BREWERY.

We are glad to learn on good authority that
the new Governor, Senhor Arnaldo da Novais,
has on the application of Baron von Maslow,
the general manager of the factory, granted
permission for the establishment of a brewery
in this Colony and the erection of the necessary
buildings, with only the usual legal restrictions,
namely to pay the industrial taxes fixed by the
respective laws and to submit the plans of the
buildings for the approval of the authorities.
This is one of the first measures taken by H.E.
Senhor Novais, and we are led therefore to
hope and feel assured that H.E. is animated
with the best wishes and intentions of develop-
ing the resources and increasing the prosperity
of the Colony under his administration.

ELECTRIC ILLUMINATION.

We also learn that H.E. the Governor and
the new Municipal Chamber are giving their
best consideration to the plan of lighting
Macao with electricity and thereby doing away
with the old-fashioned kerosene lamps. We
hope that the two authorities will spare no
effort to introduce so excellent an innovation
into the Colony.

THE "ZAIRE" A TOTAL WRECK.

The sad news reached Macao yesterday that
the Portuguese warship *Zaire*, bound from
Macao for Goa, is a total wreck off Penang.
In spite of the sadness of the news to all who
knew the gallant captain and his popular
officers, we are most heartily glad to be able
to inform their friends that every life aboard
was saved, and that the officers are temporarily
residing in the Sumatra Hotel, Penang.
We are not able as yet to give full particulars
of the disaster, but the main outlines are as
follows:—

The *Zaire* two days after leaving Singapore
met with a severe hurricane, and a few hours
later began to make water in the engine-room.
The fires were thereupon extinguished, and
strutted efforts were made by the crew to pump
out the water. The weather, however, continued
so bad that the officers, after holding a council,
determined to make for the nearest point of land.
After terrible exertion they succeeded in beach-
ing the ship, which was subsequently towed by
a Dutch man-of-war to Penang, where she now
lies awaiting the orders of the Home Govern-
ment. It is further stated that all the artillery
and ammunition had to be thrown overboard as
well as the personal effects of the officers and
crew, those of the officers being first thrown
over and then those of the sergeants and the
sailors. They consequently arrived in Penang
with nothing but the clothes upon their backs.
As stated above, no lives were lost, but it is
reported that a number of the crew were seriously
injured. We should like to take this opportu-
nity of expressing our most sincere and heart-
felt sympathy with the officers whom we all
knew so well and respected so thoroughly, in
the sad and sudden calamity which has befallen
them. According to lay, the popular Com-
mander of the *Zaire*, Captain Bartosa Leal, has
to appear before a court-martial in Lisbon.

VISITORS.

A number of visitors still continue to brave
the terrors of this rainy season, and to infuse
some additional life into the Colony. The
hotels, including the newly opened but already
popular "Internacional," are all doing fairly
well, and with better weather would doubtless
be patronised to a far greater extent.

MR. JOHN BARRETT AND THE
JAPANESE.

The Washington correspondent of the *Manila*
Times says that it was "because of his failure
to put a bride upon the fog-horn voice that
has been heard throughout the Orient," that
Mr. John Barrett, formerly United States
Minister to Siam, now Commissioner-General
to the Orient for the St. Louis Louisiana
Purchase Exposition, has lost the "Mission to
Japan." It was owing to Japanese objections to
Mr. Barrett that he was not appointed, and the
basis of these objections was certain utterances
of his to the effect that the Filipinos are the
equals of the Japanese and that the men whom
Aguinaldo had around him in his short-lived
Republic are the peers of the statesmen who
have contributed to placing Japan in the front
rank of the nations of the world.

FEARED LOSS OF A LAUNCH AND
CREW.

BETWEEN HONGKONG AND MANILA.

There is now no doubt in the minds of the
shipping people of Manila (says the *Manila*
Times) that a new launch, which left Hongkong
about a month ago, bound for this port, has
foundered. She was being brought over in
charge of Captain Cannon, a well-known China
coast skipper, who had brought many launches
safely across. This time he must have run into
the strong monsoon and the heavy sea
probably swamped the little craft.

This launch was consigned to Soner J.
Verhees, a commission and shipping merchant
here, and had a Chinese crew of about nineteen
sailors on board. This same firm, which
also owns and operates the coasting steamer
Isla de Rama has had misfortune visit it pre-
viously. Several months ago, it bought two
launches in Hongkong, one of which was in
tow of the large boat. Running into a heavy
gale the small boat was swamped and her crew
rescued with difficulty. The other launch
reached port after a hard struggle.

Captain Parker, who arrived on Sunday morn-
ing with a new launch for Mr. Walt Jackson,
reports heavy monsoon weather, and as he left
Hongkong long after Captain Cannon, he is
positive that the latter's launch has been lost
with all hands. Captain Parker holds the
record for bringing over the largest number of
launches, both for the Government and for
private parties.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

COMMODORE'S CUPS.

The ties between Vernon and Alannah for first place and between Kathleen and Iris for second place in the races for the Commodore's Cups were sailed off on Saturday last. The course was round the rock about one mile S.W. of Cowichan. There was quite a nice little breeze from the E.N.E. blowing, and Alannah got the best of the start, followed closely by the other three. It gave some trouble to Vernon to get past her rival, but once she had done so she rapidly lengthened the gap. Meantime, Iris had dropped her rival, who started a more northerly course and was more hindered by tide in consequence. Off Cowichan the breeze fell very light and the times of rounding the rock were as follows:—

	M.	S.
Vernon	3	11
Iris	3	11
Alannah	3	11
Kathleen	3	11

On the boat home Vernon and Iris left the island of Cowichan on the port hand, while Alannah and Kathleen passed to north of the island and getting into the fresher breeze sooner gained a good deal thereby. Alannah, sailed for all she was worth by Mr. Shade, did so well in the fresher breeze that when she met Vernon off the west end of Cowichan she was just within the time allowance of 3 minutes. Should the breeze hold, an exciting finish was probable, but from this point it fell lighter and Vernon, sailed in most finished style by her gallant owner, slipped away in marvellous fashion, finally winning from Alannah by over 4 minutes, corrected time.

When Kathleen and Iris met about the same place it was seen that Kathleen was so far ahead that she had the race for 2nd place well in hand. Iris's skipper for the day—Mr. C. A. Tones—therefore elected to sail round the north side of Cowichan on the offhand of a fluke, and he was rewarded by picking up a nice northerly start, which put him ahead of the Kathleen when they next met off Yau-ni-ti. She finally beat Kathleen by 1 minute all but 3 seconds. The times of finishing were as follows:—

	M.	S.
Vernon	3	25
Alannah	5	47
Iris	5	30
Kathleen	5	27

Vernon thus won the Commodore's Cup, 2nd prize going to the first boat of a different class—Iris and 3rd prize to the first boat of a different class to the winners of 1st and 2nd—Kathleen.

The prizes were afterwards presented to the winners by Mr. F. H. May, Commodore of the Club, who heartily congratulated Commodore Robertson on his success, referring also to the fact that it was the first time in the history of the Club that a Commodore's Cup had been won by an officer of H.M.'s Navy, and complimented Mr. Tones on the skill with which he had sailed Iris in the competitions.

It transpires that the Bonito, though she crossed the line second in Sunday's race, had put herself out of the race by fouling the mark-boat off Chung Hue on the second time round. The wind was dropping fast and the tide running strong when the Min and Bonito reached the mark-boat close together. The steersman of the Bonito, filled with a laudable desire to cut the Min out from the inside turn, luffed vigorously without reckoning on the tide and was drifted helplessly into the mark-boat. It was an unlucky error, for shortly afterwards she got the first of the N.E. wind and in all probability would have won had she still been in the race. The Colleen, therefore gets second place and the Min third, and the marks to date are as follows:—

Kathleen	26	Erica	24
Min	29	Colleen	20
Bonito	15		

POLICE COURT.

Tuesday, 27th January.

BEFORE MR. J. H. KEMP (ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

THE ROBBERY ON KENNEDY ROAD.

Since the robbery of Mrs. Sheffield and her son on Kennedy Road on Saturday afternoon last by five Chinamen, the police have been taking the most energetic measures for the detection and arrest of the culprits, besides riddling the neighbourhood of all suspicious characters, of whom there are not a few at this season of the year in the Chinese calendar. Acting on orders to stop and search suspects, a looking in plain clothes went up to four natives who were skulking in the vicinity of the place where Mrs. Sheffield was assaulted and robbed. One of the group he proceeded to search, and in his possession found a knife and a packet of pepper, which the footpad used for throwing in the eyes of his intended victim, thus temporarily blinding him. When the other three men saw the result of the search they took to their heels, and as the task of capturing them single-handed was impossible, the looking took the fourth man to Wanchai Police Station and made a report. Reinforcements were sent out, the hillside scoured, and two of the three arrested. These, with the first man, were formally charged before his Worship and remanded in police custody for three days.

THEFTS.

For stealing a quantity of brass, which he secreted in his shoe, from the Naval Yard, a coolie was sentenced to six weeks' hard labour. Chan Ho, a coolie, was arrested as he was leaving a house in Praya East where he had stolen a basket containing five dollars' worth of clothing. He was convicted of larceny and sentenced to two months' hard labour.

A similar sentence was passed on another coolie, who stole a coil of Manila rope, value \$15, from the pavilion of the Hongkong Football Club at Happy Valley. He was arrested by two coolies in the employ of the Club, and told his Worship that he picked up the rope in the roadway, and was only looking for the owners.

A coolie purloined the top of a mechanism of a gun on the German cruiser *Itis* in Kowloon Docks on Monday, and was detected by a watchman, who gave him into custody. The sentence in his case was also one of two months' imprisonment with hard labour.

HONGKONG BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the above Association was held yesterday in the City Hall. His Honour Sir W. Meigh Goodman, Chief Justice, presided.

The CHAIRMAN said—Ladies and gentlemen, I felt it a very great honour to be asked to take the chair at your annual meeting, and I have very great pleasure in being here this morning, because I feel sure that your Society is doing a most excellent work in the Colony and in doing the best of the community for supplying so admirably a special need in this Colony. It is easy to give a sum of money to every applicant, but what you do is a much more arduous task. You sift out the cases and enquire carefully into them and you separate the deserving cases from those of the idle, drunken loafers, and bachelors who are always to be found in large numbers in an Eastern seaport like Hongkong.

Sir WILLIAM then read the annual report and accounts, which were as follows:—

THIRTIETH ANNUAL REPORT OF THE HONGKONG BENEVOLENT SOCIETY.

The ladies of the Committee of the Hongkong Benevolent Society have much pleasure in submitting their annual report and statement of accounts, and in doing so desire to thank all those who have assisted them in carrying on the work of the Society. During the year 1902 cases were brought under the consideration of the Committee and assistance was given in 10 instances.

Over 80 other cases were given relief by the Rev. J. H. France, the secretary, who has been taking the cases on behalf of the Society, and gives help to those deserving it. Employment was found in the Colony for some of the applicants, and passages paid for others to various places, where they had friends or promise of employment. The Society is paying for the maintenance and education of 9 orphan children. A good deal of clothing has also been given away to those requiring it. Should subscribers wish for more particulars, the Hon. Secretary will be pleased to give further details. The thanks of the Committee are due to the various steamship companies for the kind way in which they have responded to appeals for reduced passages; also to the local Press for their kindness in inserting advertisements free of charge. A very successful subscription dance in aid of the Society was held in January, and resulted in a substantial amount being added to the Society's funds. During the year Mrs. Sibbs, Mrs. Dickinson and Mrs. Forbes left the Colony, and Mrs. Moorhead, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Gompertz and Mrs. Osborne joined the Committee. Two members of the Reference Committee, the Rev. R. F. Cobbold and the Rev. G. J. Williams, have left the Colony, and their places have been taken by the Rev. E. T. Johnson and the Rev. C. H. Hickling. The following ladies retired in rotation from the Committee, but are eligible for re-election: Lady Goodman, Mrs. Master, Mrs. Robertson, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. Turner and Mrs. Moorhead. The balance-sheet showed the following items to the credit of the Society during the year:—To balance from 1901, \$1,000.45; subscriptions and donations, \$1,514; dance account, \$1,831.53; interest on fixed deposit and current account, \$8,108; total, \$4,454.08. An expenditure of:—By donations and relief of cases, \$1,749.09; printing and sundries, \$50.00; total, \$1,799.09, leaving a balance in hand of \$2,654.99, more or less as follows:—Fixed deposit, \$2,000.00; current \$654.99; cash in hand, \$50.00.

Proceeding, Sir WILLIAM said—These, ladies and gentlemen, are the report and accounts. The balance-sheet, I think, is a very satisfactory one. I am glad to see that the balance in hand at the commencement of the present year amounts to \$2,654.99, which is a sum of \$1,600 better than that which 1902 was started; but I should like to point out that had it not been for the \$1,800 odd accruing from the subscription dance the position of the Society would have been some \$200 worse than it was at the beginning of 1902; that is to say, that although you got more now than at the beginning of the year 1902 you received \$1,800 odd from the results of a particular dance. Now Sir Thomas Jackson, I notice, said from the chair last year that it is all very well to have a subscription dance now and again, but of course you cannot have that always. That is an exceptional source of income, and it is necessary that we should remember that the ordinary and regular sources of income are subscriptions and donations, and therefore I cannot help feeling that if the people of Hongkong are to be helped, it is to be done by the accounts as set forth in the balance-sheet.

Dr. J. M. ATKINSON in making the motion said—Although fewer cases have been relieved during the past year, it will have been seen that more has been done by the Society in the educating of orphan children; nine such have been maintained and educated at the expense of the Society during the past year. Well, I think 19 cases are a very small number to receive relief from a Society of this sort in a whole year, and I do not think myself.

The CHAIRMAN—But it must not be thought that there were only 19 cases relieved. Mr. France has relieved a very large number of cases besides. There is a sum always in hand at his disposal to assist urgent necessities cases; it is only these 19 cases that have been brought before the Society. There are a great number of other cases which Mr. France has assisted, and employment has been found for a good many people, which is the best kind of charity that can possibly be given; and others have had passages obtained for them and so on. These 19 cases are what you might call the registration cases which have had to be investigated by the Committee.

Dr. ATKINSON—I was just going to remark that I think members should know that they have the privilege of recommending cases for relief to the Committee. I beg to move that the report be adopted and the accounts be passed.

The Rev. J. H. FRANCE in seconding the motion said—From my personal experience I can testify to the very good work that is being done by the Society, and to my mind the most important and best part of that work is the work of educating and helping in the education of orphan children. (Near, hear.) I must say that a great many of the cases that I have had to do

with personally have been cases where perhaps a little help has enabled a man in some cases to make a fresh start, in some cases to get away to a place where he can get a situation, and in other cases just to tide over a few days until a man can get a ship. I can assure you that a great many cases more than those that have appeared in the Society's report have applied to me, and in quite a number I have not been able to help them. I have not felt really that they were altogether deserving cases to help; but in so far as my experience has gone I can testify that a very excellent work is being done by the Society, and I have great pleasure in seconding the motion.

The motion was unanimously agreed to. Mrs. MASTER proposed a vote of thanks to Sir William Goodman for presiding.

Mrs. POATE seconded, and the motion was heartily carried.

The following Committee was afterwards elected:—Mrs. Master, Mrs. Robertson, Miss Anderson, Mrs. Turner, Mrs. Atkinson, Mrs. May, Mrs. Sibbs, Miss Hunter, Mrs. John Hastings, Mrs. Gompertz, Mrs. Hickling, and Lady Goodman.

On the motion of Lady Goodman, seconded by Mrs. MASTER, a cordial vote of thanks was awarded to the Rev. Mr. France and the Reference Committee.

This ended the proceedings.

S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.

ANNUAL MEETING—INTERESTING DISCUSSION. The annual meeting of seatholders in aid of subscribers to S. John's Cathedral was held yesterday afternoon in the Library of S. Paul's College. The Rev. F. T. Johnson presided over a good attendance.

The Hon. SECRETARY (Mr. A. Bryer) read the minutes of last meeting, which were approved. The Hon. TREASURER (Mr. R. T. Wright) submitted the financial statement, which showed that the income during the past year amounted to \$12,327.85, comprising \$4,172.3, donations and subscriptions, \$4,331.40, amount of collections, \$800, Government contribution, \$500, military contribution, and \$303.94, amount at credit of the choir fund. The year was started with a debit balance of \$1,880.57, and at the end of the year this had been reduced to \$1,137.47, so that the year's working showed a surplus of \$740.10. Against this deficit of \$1,137.47 there was \$3,118.54 in the reserve fund.

The CHAIRMAN having invited remarks on the report.

Mr. A. CUNNINGHAM asked if the accounts did not actually show a deficit on the year's working of over \$3,000?

The CHAIRMAN said it showed a surplus of over \$700.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM pointed out that a debit balance of \$1,180 had been brought forward and there was at the end of the year a deficit of \$1,137, as shown in the accounts.

The Hon. TREASURER stated that the surplus on the year's working was apparent when these two amounts were compared. Mr. G. A. WOODCOCK moved the adoption of the accounts.

The CHAIRMAN stated that the next point to be considered was Mr. Ward's agreement to new agreement was made with Mr. Ward last year, according to which he would be paid \$5.00 per month as organist and choir-master; a new point was that Mr. Ward was to receive \$25 for each and every organ recital given in the Cathedral provided that the consent of the trustees had been obtained. In the fourth year Mr. Ward would have leave of absence for nine months, and during that time he would be paid half-salary and half-passages—that was, passage way. The first period of absence would come in the 1st of March, 1903.

He thought that was all he had to mention about this agreement. It was made in July, and must be approved by the annual meeting before it would come into proper effect.

Sir WILLIAM GOODMAN had much pleasure in moving that the agreement be approved. In Mr. Ward they had a most efficient and able organist; these terms were slightly better than the terms Mr. Ward had before, and he thought that after the experience they had had of Mr. Ward he was entitled to them. He had wanted some little modification in the agreement, and that modification had been made.

Mr. MUMFORD seconded the motion, and it was agreed to. The CHAIRMAN said the next item of business was consideration of a letter which had been received from Mr. Mumford.

The Hon. SECRETARY read the letter, which was to the effect that Mr. Mumford had received a circular intimating that seat rents in the Cathedral were to be raised 50 per cent; he suggested that the matter be left over to the annual meeting for consideration, as the seatholders would appreciate being taken into consideration, and besides, there were many other ways of raising money than by raising the seat rents.

The CHAIRMAN asked Mr. Mumford if he had anything to add to the letter. Mr. MUMFORD said that of course when it was written he was not aware that there was to be a large deficit in the accounts. He was not against increasing the rents; money must be got to pay expenses, but he had thought that as the annual meeting was so near it should be left to the seatholders and subscribers to decide upon.

The CHAIRMAN stated that this was a matter which really rested with the Church Body, and it had been decided several months ago that it would come into force on the first of the year. They did not bring it in only for convenience sake.

Mr. MUMFORD said that what he meant was that as the annual meeting was so near it would be better to leave it for the annual meeting, as the seatholders should be taken into consideration. He had no doubt that the Church Body had full authority to do this, but he thought it better that the people who paid should be recognized in their own and other institutions throughout the world. There was no reason to hurry the matter on.

The CHAIRMAN—There was no hurry; it was decided months and months ago. Mr. MUMFORD—I accept that explanation. The CHAIRMAN added that if he might point out, the pew rents here were not so high as in the neighbouring Cathedrals of Shanghai and Singapore. Apart from that, the Church Body found that money was desirable, and they thought this would be a way of increasing the income without imposing any undue hardship on the members of the congregation. So it was decided, and he might say the members of the Church Body were seatholders, and were taking themselves as well as other people. He thought that after due consideration most people would come to the conclusion that this was a fair way to get an annual increase of some \$1,210, and that it did not involve any great hardship on anyone. It ought to be remembered, too, that the pew rents were fixed when the dollar was not nearly so low as it is now. Mr. Mumford said in his letter that the increase was 50 per cent. That was perfectly true, and it

amounted a very great increase, but the practical difference between \$10 then and \$15 now was not so very great after all.

Sir WILLIAM GOODMAN said that as a member of the Church Body he fully approved of Mr. Mumford's keeping an eye on the doings of the Church Body; it was quite a right thing, and they were all much interested by feeling that the eyes of the seatholders and the members were upon them. They had a somewhat responsible duty to perform, and because sometimes it was not very pleasant they must not therefore shirk their duty. He must point out that in the first place the Cathedral was regulated by an Ordinance, Section 13 of which said that the Church Body had to make regulations relating to the appropriation, allotment, arrangement, and use of the sittings of the Church, and to the rents and subscriptions, if any, to be paid for the sittings, and mode of collection. Therefore, the Act imposed upon the Church Body a duty that they could not shirk, to make the necessary regulations as to the rents and subscriptions to be paid for the sittings in the Church. Regulation 18, said that the Church Body might from time to time assess and fix the annual rent for each sitting in the Church, and might at any time make an agreement or a contract with any person or persons of taking a sitting. It was therefore contemplated that the Church Body should have the necessary power to alter the amount to be paid for these sittings. The Church Body were in a sense the parliamentary representatives of the seatholders and subscribers. They had to pass a sort of budget, and to enable the seatholders and subscribers to judge whether that budget was correct or not they would have to go into matters and have in their hands all the accounts and figures when the matter was considered. Some months ago they asked the Treasurer to be kind enough to put them, as a Church Body, in possession of the present and prospective financial positions of the Cathedral. The Treasurer pointed out to them that there would probably be a deficit, though they might possibly get a little more than they spent during the year. When they came to look into ways and means, they found that the amount derivable from Church sittings this year was \$2,420—242 sittings at \$10 each. Now, at the present time \$10 did not represent anything like the amount of money it represented in sterling at the time these regulations were made, in 1892, for what was \$10 then was quite as much as \$15 now. Therefore they thought it right to make the alteration, and the alteration was not round in due time notifying the seatholders that the alteration would be made. He quite appreciated Mr. Mumford's remark that before making the alteration people should be consulted, but there was a little difficulty in that connection. They had to give ten days' notice if they ended a general meeting, and then they would not be in such a good position as now, because they could not tell what funds would come in before the end of the year. The meeting had now to consider whether or not the Church Body had done right. It was for the Church Body to make that alteration in the discharge of their responsibilities. It was obvious that it was desirable to get an extra \$1,000 by means of seat rents, and that they would be no difficulty about it. He thought it was a good way of improving their financial position.

Mr. MUMFORD thanked Sir William for his explanation. He did not at all object, he said, to the increasing of the seat rents; the point he wished to bring out was that there were other ways and means besides that. One had become apparent since he wrote the letter. He observed in the Cathedral two Sundays ago that there were notices in the seats reminding strangers that the Cathedral funds were kept up by voluntary contributions, and asking them to subscribe liberally. That was a step in the right direction. Another good step would be for the person to intimate occasionally from the pulpit the same fact; it was done in other cathedrals and churches, and he did not see why it should not be done here. In their church there was a large number of visitors Sunday after Sunday, and probably they would give more liberally if they knew that. From the clergyman down they wanted to see every body getting a fair salary. Most of them had been compensated for the falling dollar, and they expected the person and others to be compensated also. He had not any other feeling in his mind when he wrote the letter.

The CHAIRMAN stated that he would make a note of Mr. Mumford's suggestion. The notice in the seats was a good thing. He personally should like to see the church absolutely free; he believed that was the right principle—first come first served, but this was not an ideal world, unfortunately; they must take things as they found them and just now it was absolutely impossible to do without seat rents.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM said he would like to speak generally on the condition of things in the Cathedral. Sir William Goodman had touched on a very good point when he said it was a good thing that some members should keep a critical eye on the doings of the Church Body, and he trusted that that Body would always realize that the seatholders and subscribers had the greatest confidence in what they did. The only time their doings had ever been questioned was last year, in connection with the matter then brought up. It was impossible for him to realize why these conditions had been ignored. It must be known to every member of the Church Body that great dissatisfaction prevailed, and that numerous people—several of whom had been members of the Cathedral for long years—had left within the past twelve months. The report spoke for itself; there had been a large deficit, and the report seemed to show that at the end of the next twelve months the Church would have entirely used up its reserve fund, and have nothing to go forward with into the new year. As a way out of the difficulty the Church Body hoped to raise an additional income of a thousand dollars. It was a very pleasant hope, and he for one trusted it would be realized, but he had very grave doubts about it. The Bishop had made certain public statements which in a way had been resented by the members here, and he might state that after the meeting last year the Bishop made certain public promises to himself on behalf of the choir, and he spoke now on behalf of the choir. These promises had not been fulfilled. He did not think that was the fault of the Bishop, but he thought the fault was with the Church Body themselves, and that their own clergy did not realize the state of affairs that existed at the present moment, and could not remedy it until it could be realized.

The state of things was apparent to most people, and he thought to all of them. They recognized that they had to find some remedy for this state of things, and they trusted that the new Church Body would remedy during the next twelve months. The Bishop had made a promise that the musical services in the Cathedral would be improved. The idea was that they should get an assistant organist who had musical abilities, and as a matter of fact the Bishop advertised for a man possessing a baritone voice and a message, whatever that might be; he did not understand the combination. At any rate, it was an earnest that His Lordship desired to carry out his promise. He thought the Church Body themselves ought to

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recognizes the reason why that promise had not been fulfilled. The congregation that attended the Cathedral spoke for themselves. The most list of donations would also speak for itself. He had nothing more to say. What he had said he said, so far as he was personally concerned, with the best intentions, and he sincerely trusted that something would be really tried to remedy the unpleasant state of affairs existing in the Cathedral at the present time.

The CHAIRMAN, in reply, remarked that Mr. Cunningham was perfectly right that the finances were not the same as last year. They were not; they were a good deal better. There was an excess of income over expenses during the past year, which had not been the case for several years past. That was one fact which, as Mr. Cunningham said, would speak for itself. Also, he might state that the donations from Sunday to Sunday were from \$15 to \$20 better each Sunday during the past winter than during any winter for some years past. He mentioned these facts because the matter had been brought up by Mr. Cunningham. He did not think the Cathedral was quite in such a bad way as Mr. Cunningham thought. As to the promises made by the Bishop, he knew nothing about any promises made by the Bishop to Mr. Cunningham or anyone else, and as Mr. Cunningham was aware, the Bishop had not been able to appoint an assistant chaplain simply because of the financial position which was brought to their notice a few months ago by a member of the Church Body. It appeared that during the past few years they had been exceeding their annual income by something like \$1,000 to \$1,500 a year, and had been therefore each year compelled to draw from their reserve fund. That had been going on for some years, and of course the Church Body felt it could not go on any longer, therefore the authority which had been given to the Bishop, when the financial aspect of the Cathedral was in such a state, had not been considered at all, had to be revoked. He greatly regretted that this step became necessary, but from a business point of view he admitted that there was nothing else to be done, and the Bishop himself had written to him within the last few days saying that much as he regretted the necessity of having to postpone the appointment of an assistant chaplain he fully appreciated the position of the Church Body. The financial position was such that they could not go on taking from the reserve fund as they had been doing, especially as they had been told that they would have to incur great expenditure during the coming year. The fabric of the building was in great need of repair; probably, too, the organ would need repairs, and the necessary sums would be fairly large. Therefore the Church Body felt that if they were to appoint an assistant chaplain, not only would their surplus of the past year become a deficit of \$300 or so, but also they would have to find a way of supplying some \$3,000 as salary to the assistant chaplain during the coming year, and the Church Body felt that they did not see their way to do that at this time.

Mr. CUNNINGHAM pointed out that hitherto they had had two chaplains.

The CHAIRMAN—Quite so, and since the appointment of two chaplains we have had unfortunately, as I say, to draw from the reserve fund each year, something from \$1,000 to \$1,500.

This closed the discussion. The next item of business was the election of the Church Body for the ensuing year. The following gentlemen were appointed:—Sir William Goodman, Dr. J. M. Atkinson, Hon. R. Murray Ramsey, Mr. A. Bryer, Mr. G. H. Gompertz, and Mr. R. T. Wright.

Mr. Edwards, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, was elected auditor for the ensuing year, in succession to Mr. J. C. Peor.

A vote of thanks to the retiring auditor (Mr. J. C. Peor), the hon. treasurer (Mr. R. T. Wright), the hon. secretary (Mr. A. Bryer), and Mr. H. W. Slade, who assisted with the accounts before his departure for home, brought the proceedings to a close.

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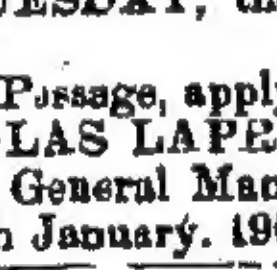
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Captain Colledani, will be despatched as above on TUESDAY, the 17th February, p.m.

The Steamer has capital accommodation for Passengers, Electric Light, and carries a Doctor.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to
SANDER, WIELER & CO.,
Agents.
Princes' Buildings.
Hongkong, 28th January, 1903. [374]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"PAKING"
are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 28th inst.

Optional Cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

Goods undelivered after the 3rd February will be subject to rent. All damaged Goods must be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 a.m. on the 3rd February.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1903. [10]

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer
"FORMOSA,"
FROM ANTWERP, LONDON, PORT SAID, SUEZ AND STRAITS.

Consignees of Cargo by the above-named vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and placed at their risk in the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company's Godowns, at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

Optional Goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 1 p.m. To-day, 27th inst.

Goods not cleared by the 2nd prox., at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignee's and the Company's representative at an appointed hour. All Claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised. No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1903. [1]

FROM HAMBURG, PORT SAID, COLOMBO, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE H.A.L. Steamship
"SITHONIA."
Captain Hildebrandt, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature by the Undersigned and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before 5 p.m. To-day, 27th inst.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 3rd February will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 3rd February, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINE,
Hongkong Office.
Hongkong, 27th January, 1903. [375]

CHINESE NEW YEAR HOLIDAY.

THE Undersigned Banks will be CLOSED for the transaction of Public Business TO-MORROW (THURSDAY), the 29th inst.

For the CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA,
T. P. COCHRANE,
Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager, Hongkong.

For the NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA, LIMITED,
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager, Hongkong.

For the MERCHANTS BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED,
EVAN ORMISTON,
Acting Manager, Hongkong.

For the BANQUE DE L'INDO-CHINE,
G. MAYER,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED,
TARO HODSUMI,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA,
E. W. BUTLER,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the DEUTSCH-ASIATISCHE BANK,
H. FIGGE,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the RUSSO-CHINESE BANK,
J. W. R. TAYLOR,
Representative in Hongkong.

For the GUARANTY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK,
E. F. GROS,
Acting Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 27th January, 1903. [366]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will be carried out at Kowloon East Battery on the 2nd February, 1903, in a South-Easterly direction.

Practice will commence at about 11 a.m. By Command,
F. H. MAY,
Colonial Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd January, 1903. [364]

WANTED.

TWO ENERGETIC CHINESE GENTLEMEN as ASSISTANTS. Must come with references. Queen's College graduates preferred.

Apply in person between 11 and 12 a.m., Tuesday or Wednesday, January 27th or 28th.

H. D. WIGHT BASSETT,
Room 1, Thomas's Hotel.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1903. [365]

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Hongkong 3rd October, 1903. [36]

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A. B. C. Code, 4th Edition.
Lieber's Standard Code.

TELEPHONE, 232.
Hongkong, 20th December, 1902. [3440]

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E. W. MITCHELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 22nd January, 1903. [318]

EOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.

A MEETING of EMERGENCY of the EOTHEN MARK LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 28th JANUARY, at 5 for 5.30 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1903. [335]

EOTHEN MARK LODGE, No. 264.

A REGULAR MEETING of the EOTHEN MARK LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, on FRIDAY, the 30th JANUARY, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1903. [360]

ZETLAND LODGE, No. 525, E.C.

A REGULAR MEETING of ZETLAND LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, on MONDAY, the 2nd FEBRUARY, at 8.30 for 9 p.m. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 28th January, 1903. [347]

DEPOT, BRITISH-AMERICAN TOBACCO CO., LD., HONGKONG.

I HAVE ASSUMED CHARGE of the Business of the above Company here.

J. A. THOMAS,
Depot Manager.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1903. [363]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE NINETEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 14, Des Vaux Road, Victoria, on 7th FEBRUARY 1903, at 11 a.m., for the purpose of receiving Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1902, declaring a Dividend, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 4th to the 7th FEBRUARY, both days inclusive.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 26th January, 1903. [364]

THE PUNJON MINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that at a Meeting of the Board of Directors of the Company, held at the Company's Office, No. 13, Beaconsfield Arcade, Victoria, Hongkong, on Monday, the 5th day of January, 1903, the following Resolution was passed:—

"That in pursuance of the Special Resolution passed on the 11th day of November, 1902, and confirmed on the 27th day of November, 1902, a Call of Fifty Cents per Share be made upon all holders of Ordinary Shares in the above Company, and the same is hereby made. Share Call to be paid to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, at their Premises, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, Hongkong, on or before the 9th day of February, 1903."

AND NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that in accordance with Article 24 of the Company's Articles of Association, interest at the rate of 50 per centum per Annum will be charged upon all Calls remaining unpaid after the 9th day of February, 1903, up to the actual dates of payment of the same.

Shareholders are requested to note that, upon presentation of the Receipt for payment of the Call, and surrender of existing Certificates of the Shares pertaining thereto, new Share Certificates will be issued bearing an endorsement of the payment of the said Call.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
W. KENFORD HUGHES,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1903. [175]

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the HONGKONG CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES in Bank Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 7th FEBRUARY, 1903, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming the appointment of a Director, and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th of JANUARY to the 7th FEBRUARY, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th January, 1903. [281]

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Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th January, 1903. [282]

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By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th January, 1903. [282]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

CHINA COMMERCIAL COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the above named Company will be held at my OFFICE, No. 36, Queen's Road Central, THIS DAY (WEDNESDAY), the 28th day of JANUARY, 1903, at 5 p.m., when the proposed Resolution will be proposed.

Should the Resolution be passed by the required majority it will be submitted for consideration to a Special Resolution to a Second Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

RESOLUTION:
"That the Regulations contained in the printed document submitted to the Meeting and for the purpose of identification subscribed by the Chairman thereof be and the same are hereby approved and that such Regulations be and they are hereby adopted as the Regulations of the Company to the exclusion of all the existing Regulations thereof."

And NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that the said printed document may be inspected by any Shareholder at my Office.

And NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the FOURTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the same place after the conclusion of the above Meeting to transact the ordinary business of the Company.

Dated 21st January, 1903.
C. EWENS,
Manager.

THE KOWLOON LAND AND BUILDING COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FOURTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, Victoria Buildings, on MONDAY, the 2nd FEBRUARY, 1903, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

THE REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 24th JANUARY, to MONDAY, the 2nd FEBRUARY, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company, Limited.
General Agents for
The Kowloon Land and Building Company, Limited.
Hongkong, 20th January, 1903. [30]

HONGKONG ICE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the OFFICES of the General Managers, Pedder's Street, at 12.30 p.m., on WEDNESDAY, 4th FEBRUARY, to receive a Statement of the Company's Accounts to 31st December, 1902, and the Report of the General Managers.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 25th inst. to the 4th proximo, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 23rd January, 1903. [345]

HUMPHREYS ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE SEVENTEENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICES of the Company, 38 and 40, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, 7th FEBRUARY, 1903, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1902.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 1st to the 11th February, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 21st January, 1903. [322]

HONGKONG CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE SEVENTY-THIRD ORDINARY HALF-YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the OFFICE of the Company, No. 18, Bank Buildings, Queen's Road Central, on SATURDAY, the 7th FEBRUARY, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Report of the Directors, together with a Statement of Accounts, declaring a Dividend, confirming the appointment of a Director, and electing Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 24th of JANUARY to the 7th FEBRUARY, inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th January, 1903. [281]

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Secretary.
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Hongkong, 17th January, 1903. [282]

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Hongkong, 9th January, 1903. [3462]

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IU YUK KWAN,
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MONDAY, 25th December, 1902. [105]

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CHRIS OF ALL-SORTS,

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Author of "Melatoh," "John Herring," etc.

CHAPTER VIII.

A DINNER WITH SAUCE.

Truly—Pleasure will be paid, the time or another.
Twelfth Night, Act II, Sc. 1.

"My dear—I wish it," said Lady Laura; "I
have accepted Mrs. Parkhouse's invitation, and
I desire you to accompany me."

"But, aunt, I am in no humour for it."

"I can understand that. But we go into so-
ciety to drive our bad humours away or to gloss
them over. I can quite understand your being
out of spirits, I should be the same if I had
committed the incredible, unfeminine folly of
breaking an engagement with a man of such
prospects as Sir Roger Fenton."

"I could not help myself. He assumed to-
wards me a tone which I would not endure."

"You mounted the high horse when you
should have ridden the lowly cob. No wonder
he was angry. I cannot blame him. If you
choose to tear about the country in the society
of a medical student, and put up with him at a
public-house, it is enough to make any man look
askance at you."

"You exaggerate, aunt, I have already told
you—"

"It is of no use discussing this further. It
is enough to vex a saint to find you committing
one blunder after another. Mind—you dine at
Mrs. Parkhouse's to-night. You must put a
bold face on the matter."

So it was settled.

At about seven o'clock, the carriage was at
the door to receive the ladies. Chris was very
pretty dressed in yellow silk with lace, and a
yellow rose in her hair. A little hectic colour
was in her olive cheek.

They drove to the house of Mrs. Parkhouse, a
well-to-do and passably connected lady who lived
in a handsome residence out of the town, the
empty shell of a landed country family that had
been let to her, whilst the owners recruited
under the heavy burden of estate duty.

On their arrival, when shown into the draw-
ing-room the hostess received Lady Laura with
gushing cordiality. But her eyebrows went up,
and her lips pursed as she took Miss Lavenham's
hand—she looked at her frigidly and said—

"So very glad that you are come. I had
quite given you up. I had been told such a
sad story about your being tired by a hunt the
other day, that quite incapacitated you from
exercise. Delighted that it is not so. I shall
have to find you a partner—let me see. Who
are disengaged? Ah! there is Mr. Gleig, to
be sure, Mr. Gleig will do very well."

Accordingly, this gentleman, who was young,
with much side on, conducted Christine to the
dining-room. She knew him slightly and did
not care particularly for him.

To her great dissatisfaction she found herself
placed at table between him and Mr. Paste.

The Parkhouses kept a good table, and the
dinner was excellent. But Chris had no appe-
tite, and scarcely knew what she was eating.
She certainly looked pretty, even the women
allowed that.

During the meal, young Gleig endeavoured
to make himself agreeable by speaking of Cap-
tain Fenton, as his intimate friend, and by say-
ing what a good sort he was; telling how they
had made acquaintance, how they had shot to-
gether, with a few sporting anecdotes thrown
in how lucky a fellow Fenton was, but how
deserving he was of his good fortune.

Gleig had heard that Christine was engaged to
the Captain, and concluded that the topic
would accordingly be acceptable to his partner.
He had not perceived what had been noticed
by every woman present, that she no longer
wore her engagement ring.

To make matters worse, she was aware that
Mrs. Pothering, who sat on the further side of
young Gleig, also Miss Quillim, the lady oppo-
site, were drinking in every word. Indeed the
latter lady said in an undertone to her partner,
"I really wish that Mr. Gleig would not talk
about Captain Fenton to Miss Lavenham, it
makes her so uncomfortable. You know that the
engagement is off between them—and no
wonder, for she really did behave in a most
extraordinary manner. But there is insanity
in the family; you are aware, of course, that
her father destroyed himself, and this must
serve as her excuse."

At length, irritated beyond endurance by
Mr. Gleig, Chris turned her head, and at once
Mr. Paste plunged into dialogue.

"Glad to meet you again, Miss Lavenham."

"Thank you."

"Under such different circumstances. And
now I can have the talk denied on the way back
from the Hunter's Moon. You were not in at
the death. Glorious run. We killed near
Simon's Path. But you know your affairs."

best. It is not only foxes that are hunted
on the field days.

She turned her shoulder to him, but he would
not be silenced.

"Miss Lavenham, this is too bad. We must
have our chat now. By George! if I had a
pretty girl out with me, I'd shake her pace and
ride with her, instead of following the hounds.
Well! How did you find the Hunter's Moon?
I did not go there, too dull for me. I went—"

"Among kindred spirits—Commercial," said
Chris, in a fit of exasperation. "Birds of a
feather flock together."

He collapsed.

Then she turned to young Gleig. At once
he recommenced on the same topic as before.

"By George!—to come in for ten thousand a
year, and not to have had any bother of work-
ing for it. This is being born with a gold
spoon in your mouth. Will he keep a pack?
Has the estate been preserved? By Jove!—
I'll help him to thin the birds: he is sure to
invite me to his place."

It was with inexpressible relief that Chris
saw Lady Laura catch her hostess's eye and
move to rise.

The ladies left the room, and adjourned to
the parlour, which was illumined by an amber
light from the shaded lamps.

She seated herself upon an ottoman between
a Miss Madeley, and the wife of a vicar of an
adjoining parish. Neither addressed a word to
her; Miss Madeley turned her back and fell
into rapid conversation with another lady across
a stretch of carpet. Christine spoke to the vicar's
wife, a quiet looking, rather dowdy personage.

"I hear that you have a fine screen in your
Church."

To which the lady replied drily: "It is
much admired, I believe."

"It is very old—is it not?"

"Yes."

"Is it likely to be restored?"

"Money is wanting."

"Why not have a bazaar?"

"My husband objects to bazaars."

"But nowadays people will not give, unless
they get something in return, a pin-cushion or
a pen-wiper."

"Possibly."

Unable to get any further, Chris changed her
place, but again failed to start a conversa-
tion with a married lady, who sat near. She made
feeble remarks about the weather.

"Ah, yes, November is bad for anyone, except
hunters," and at once began to talk to a
lady on her other side. Chris took up a photo-
graphic album, and turned over the pages.
Her cheeks burnt. Her lips were dry.

Then a fresh, pleasant girl—Miss Talboys—
the family had recently taken to spelling their
name Taillebois, crossed the room, and seating
herself on a corner of the sofa began to chat
agreeably. Chris was grateful, and at once
responded.

Before many minutes, however, she saw Mrs.
Talboys on the further side of the room signal-
ling to her daughter to come to her.

Mabel perceived this, and coloured; and ap-
proaching Christine, went to her mother, who
said to her in a low tone, "Go and talk to
Marian Webb. I do not desire you to know
Miss Lavenham."

Chris did not hear the words, but could judge
from the flutter into which the girl was thrown,
and the severe expression of Mrs. Talboys, that
Mabel had received a reprimand for engaging in
conversation with her.

Presently the gentlemen came in, and several
gathered round Chris. They were not disin-
clined to talk with her; but she was uncon-
fortable, she fancied that she was able to
detect in their manner an air of freedom in
speaking to her, that she did not like. It was
probably, it was almost certainly, a delusion, but
her nerves were overstrung, she was wounded to
the quick at the slights she had received, and
she imagined what did not actually exist.

As she drove back to Longridge with her
aunt, the latter remained silent for half the
journey, and then suddenly broke silence with
"Chris, you must visit your Aunt Babs. Go to
the poultryer's and order a hamper of game, and
write that you are going up to town with it. It
won't do for you to remain here. It would spoil
my winter. People will not invite me out, if
they think that you will accompany me, and I
am not going to live as a hermitess on your
account. Yes, you shall go to my sister, Babs,
and I will tell everyone you are staying with
the Earl and Countess of Brandon. It will
prove an emolument to opinion, and tend to make
folk judge you leniently."

(To be continued.)

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Hongkong, 22nd January, 1903.

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(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY)

PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES
AWA MARU	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 30th Jan. at DAYLIGHT.
N. Trenat	—	—
YAWATA MARU	SYDNEY and MELBOURNE, via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE.	FRIDAY, 30th Jan. at NOON.
A. E. Moses	—	—
TAMBA MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	SATURDAY, 7th Feb. at DAYLIGHT.
J. W. Wale	—	—
RIJON MARU	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	TUESDAY, 10th Feb. at 4 p.m.
N. Ono	—	—
KAMAKURA MARU	KOBE and YOKOHAMA	FRIDAY, 13th Feb. at DAYLIGHT.
H. Petersen	—	—
SANUKI MARU	MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO and PORT SAID.	SATURDAY, 21st Feb. at DAYLIGHT.
W. Townsend	—	—
KAGOSHIMA MARU	BOMBAY, via SINGAPORE and COLOMBO	TUESDAY, 24th Feb. at NOON.
K. Kori	—	—
BOMBAY MARU	MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA	TUESDAY, 24th Feb. at NOON.
T. Murai	—	—
IYO MARU	VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE, U.S.A., via SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE and YOKOHAMA.	TUESDAY, 24th Feb. at 4 p.m.
C. H. Butler	—	—

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STEAMERS	DESTINATIONS	SAILING DATES
AMBRIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 3rd Feb. Freight.
Capt. Duckstein	(Calling at Singapore)	—
WURZBURG	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 10th Feb. Freight & Passengers.
Capt. v. Binzer	(Calling at Singapore and Colombo)	—
C. FRED. LAEISZ	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 26th Feb. Freight.
Capt. Fuchs	(Calling at Singapore and Penang)	—
BAMBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 10th Mar. Freight.
Capt. Kirchner	(Calling at Singapore and Colombo)	—
ANDALUSIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 24th Mar. Freight.
Capt. von Doehren	(Calling at Singapore and Penang)	—
KONIGSBERG	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 7th April. Freight & Passengers.
Capt. Meyer	(Calling at Singapore and Colombo)	—
SAMBIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG	On 21st April. Freight.
Capt. Schmidt	(Calling at Singapore and Penang)	—

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Hongkong, 20th January, 1903. [3494]

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Hongkong, 28th January, 1903. [317]

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FOR MANILA.

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Hongkong, 28th January, 1903. [333]

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 GENERAL MANAGERS.
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PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.		
FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"DAIJIN MARU" T. OGATA	SUNDAY, 1st February.
TAMSUI, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"DAIGI MARU" T. W. GROVES	SUNDAY, 8th February.
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Hongkong, 27th January, 1903. T. ARIMA, Manager. 115

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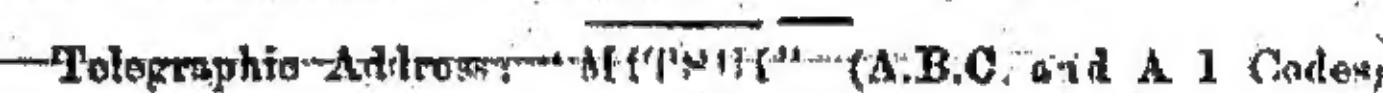
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